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(57) Abstract A liquid crystal cell has a wall able to impart both a preferred tilt and a preferred azimuthal alignment, not to mention a preferred alignment, to the liquid crystal molecules in use in the cell. The wall is made by exposing a material on it to oblique radiation which is circularly polarised or unpolarised.		